



The Weekly Policy Bulletin

1-06-2021

Reminders

2021 Census Information

You may have heard that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for all Canadians, and the census might seem like another thing on our to-do list. However, we would like to encourage you to complete your census, if you haven't already done so. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for libraries, schools, transportation, community centres, and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future.

You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance, or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians.

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Resolution Responses

SARM received a response from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada on the following resolution:

- ***24-21A - Treaty Land Entitlement and Specific Land Claims Tax Loss Compensation***

Trespass Act Update

SARM reached out to the Ministry of Justice and asked for an update on the progress to the changes to trespass legislation and they said they couldn't provide an update but did provide this information:

- *The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2018*, and Bill 161, *The Trespass to Property Consequential Amendments Act, 2018*, received third reading on May 8, 2019. The legislation is not yet in force. This is due to a combination of factors, including the need for various ministries to prepare for the changes and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We continue to monitor the development of the SaskLander application, which is one of the methods being considered to facilitate communication between land owners and the public. We understand that there has been a delay to beta testing of the application as a result of the pandemic.
- The current rules regarding trespass are different for different activities; however, generally speaking, it is currently illegal for an individual to access land that has been posted with “no trespass” notifications for recreational purposes. The new trespass legislation, when it comes into effect, will transfer the onus of responsibility from the landowner to those wishing to access the land by requiring them to ask for permission before entering.
- It is also important to remember that trespass has always been a civil wrong, and that land owners and occupiers are entitled to seek damages in court that arise from trespass. Amendments to *The Summary Offences Procedure Act* have previously been passed to enhance enforcement provisions, such as tickets and fines, when trespass occurs.

The Ministry provided a **Question and Answer** document that should provide some more in-depth answers to related questions.

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Feedback

Participate in a WCB Customer Survey or Workshop

In the month of June, the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) will be reaching out to customers throughout the province to gather feedback that will be used to help improve WCB services.

WCB may contact you by one of two methods. They will send out an email survey on June 21, 2021 from their askwcb@wcbask.com email address. Starting on June 16, 2021, their research partners, CSPN, will contact a random sampling of customers by phone or email, who will be offered the opportunity to participate in a focus group.

Your feedback is very important to WCB as they look to develop ways to improve their services. Your participation in the survey and/or focus group will be anonymous and have no impact on your current or future dealings with the WCB.

When contacting customers for market research purposes, WCB will never ask for identifying information, such as date of birth, SIN or claim numbers, and they will never ask for financial information, such as banking information.

If you have any concerns about the legitimacy of a survey or phone call, please contact askwcb@wcbask.com or 1.800.667.7590.

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Resolution Responses

SARM received a response from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure on the following resolutions:

- **10-21A - Ditch Mowing**
- **11-21A - Clearing the Path Program**
- **12-21A - Bridge Funding**

- **13-21A - Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Design Standards**
- **14-21A - Highway 49**

Resources

FCM Asset Management Training

This course is an awareness building activity focused on municipalities in Saskatchewan with a population of 1000 or less. It's a high level overview of the asset management context, hits all the basics and covers the FCM Asset Management Readiness Scale

The learning path to asset management readiness

Online course

Cost: \$150.00 + GST

Course open year round

Offered by Asset Management Saskatchewan (AMSK)

Available in English only

[Enrol Now](#)

SARCAN Municipal Recycling Grant

After a one-year hiatus, SARCAN Recycling is once again offering a matching grant program for municipalities, communities, parks, and non-profit groups to create more recycling infrastructure in publicly accessible spaces.

Benefits of Public Space Recycling:

- Increase the amount of waste that is diverted from landfill
- Increase the recycling rate for beverage containers
- Reduce litter
- Create a new option for local residents to recycle on the go
- Enhance the visual appeal of streetscapes and parks
- Reduce break-ins to civic waste containers

Grants will be provided in a 'matching funds' basis where the applicant must contribute an amount equal to or exceeding the grant requested, including only the purchase of recycling containers, freight costs, and the production of signage. Funds will be matched to a maximum amount in accordance with the following groupings:

Municipalities, First Nations, and Metis Settlements (over 180,000 residents)	\$5,000
Municipalities, First Nations, and Metis Settlements (less than 180,000 residents)	\$1,000
Parks (National, Provincial, or Regional)	\$1,000
Non-profit community groups and organizations	\$1,000

If you have any questions about the Public Space Recycling Grant, or would like more information on SARCAN's public space recycling initiatives, please contact Sean Homenick at shomenick@sarcn.sk.ca.

The deadline to submit an application is **July 30, 2021** and all projects must be completed by March 20th, 2022.

E-mail completed applications to:

SARCAN Recycling

Attention: Sean Homenick

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Planning a Sustainable Power Future: The Potential Role of Nuclear Power from SMRs

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a free virtual information session where they will explore the potential role of nuclear power from small modular reactors (SMRs) in Saskatchewan's power mix. As SaskPower works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the grid, there are many power sources being considered as Saskatchewan transitions from conventional coal.

Join guests from SaskPower, Ontario Power Generation, New Brunswick Power, and First Nations Power Authority to learn about this new nuclear technology and its potential role in Saskatchewan's energy future.

Learn how SaskPower is planning for the future (5 minute read):

Help Plan Our Power Future (saskpower.com)

Date: June 29, 2021

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

Information

2020 Post Election Survey Report

The 2020 Post Election Survey included questions on voter turnout, the use of advance voting, the impact of COVID-19 and inclement weather, as well as the usefulness of resources provided by the ministry and Elections Saskatchewan.

In total, 448 municipalities participated in the survey - approximately 32 per cent of the municipalities in the province. Twelve school divisions also responded to the survey.

Some key findings from the survey include:

- the average of the voter turnout reported in 2020 was 45 per cent;
- 76 per cent of survey respondents used advance polls in 2020;
- half of those respondents noted an increase in the number of voters at advance polls over 2016;
- 32 per cent of respondents held advance polls for the first time in 2020;
- 19 per cent of respondents used mail-in ballots; and
- 32 per cent of votes counted were from advance voting (e.g. advance poll, mail-in ballot).

The final report can be found here:

[Learn More & View Final Report](#)

This report will serve as the starting point for discussion of potential changes to local election processes, legislation and regulations, and ministry election resources in the coming years.

Resources

Wellbeing Course for Agriculture Producers

The Online Therapy Unit was founded in 2010 by Dr. Heather Hadjistavropoulos and was the first of its kind in Canada. Since 2010, the Online Therapy Unit has provided mental health care therapy to over 10,000 Saskatchewan residents. We offer a variety of courses and the therapy provided is called internet-delivered cognitive behaviour therapy. The programs are free (funded by SK Health), evidence based, and effective.

Learn strategies to manage farm stress, anxiety, depression, anger, build resiliency, improve communication, assertiveness & more.

For more information or to sign up for the course, please visit www.onlinetherapyuser.ca or call 306-337-3331.

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